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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : OCI Comments on the Report on the NIS by the
[] Study Group

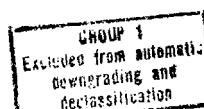
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1. I regard this study as satisfactory on the whole. I note in particular the implicit recognition in Recommendation #3 that, OCI's total work load being what it is, this office faces continuing difficulty in meeting its deadlines and hence must be specially wary of getting overcommitted. The first recommendation in #2a, which concerns the contracting out of certain technical subsections of General Survey Section 4 (Sociological) now done by OCI, seems to me advisable for improving NIS quality quite aside from OCI manpower savings. I would hope this plan would be pushed on with as expeditiously as possible and not delayed by negotiations over the entirely separate proposal in #2a for the experimental contracting out of two complete Sections 4s.

2. I note also, however, the Study Group's findings (Conclusion #4) that the NIS Committee's original goal of updating the General Survey on a two to four year cycle, worldwide, is not attainable at the present rate of 30 General Surveys per year. DIA has in the past informally voiced demands for a higher annual rate to meet this goal--demands that would be considerably easier for DIA to comply with than for OCI and ORR, since DIA's three General Survey contributions consist of Military Geography, Transportation & Communications, and Armed Forces, as contrasted with the ORR contribution on Economics and OCI's three on Politics, Sociology and the introductory material. These demands appear to be dormant now but could be pressed by DIA at any time.

3. It would therefore seem to me prudent for the Directorate of Intelligence to explore possible other (and more economical) means of keeping the NIS reasonably up to date--as, for example,

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through a closer and more explicit relationship between the General Survey and various handbooks and similar material which can be produced relatively quickly. It would be my feeling that a new DD/I study group should be asked to look into this matter sometime early next year.

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